Columbia Seminary Vantage

Sesquicentennial Observed With Forum

1828 – 1978

As we celebrate our 150th Anniversary this year, we are combining the Smyth Lectures, the Alumni Lectures and inviting an outstanding guest preacher to bring a series of sermons to form THE COLUMBIA FORUM, January 31-February 3, 1978.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to participate in this special Sesquicentennial event.

Our guest speakers will be:

John H. Leith

"Theology in the Practice and Teaching of the Pastorate" will be the topic of Alumni Lecturer John H. Leith, Pemberton Professor of Theology at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. Professor Leith is a graduate of Columbia Seminary, the Class of 1943. He holds advanced degrees from Vanderbilt University and Yale University Graduate School.

Dr. Leith is renowned as a theologian and a Churchman. He has delivered numerous lectures and sermons in local churches and on university campuses. He is currently serving as the Moderator of the Synod of North Carolina. He has written a great many articles for various periodicals and has authored five books. His most recent book is AN INTRODUCTION TO THE REFORMED TRADITION by John Knox Press.

Austin C. Lovelace

Dr. Austin C. Lovelace has given the title "Words, Hymns and the Word" to the 1978 Smyth Lectures. Dr. Lovelace is the Minister of Music at the Wellshire Presbyterian Church of Denver, Colorado.

Dr. Lovelace is a native of North Carolina. He is a graduate of High Point College and holds graduate degrees from the School of Sacred Music, Union Theological Seminary, New York. Dr. Lovelace has distinguished himself as an organist and Church musician. He has delivered lectures, offered recitals and led workshops in forty-five states. He holds membership in the American Guild of Organists and the Hymn Society of America. He has over 300 compositions of Church music in print with thirty-four publishers. A prolific writer, Dr. Lovelace has written four books for Abingdon Press. His most recent book is THE ANATOMY OF HYMNODY.

H. C. Read

Dr. David H. C. Read, the celebrated preacher who is known throughout America for his preaching on the National Radio Pulpit, will be the guest preacher during THE COLUMBIA FORUM. He will deliver three sermons under the theme of "Strong Stories for Lent."

Dr. Read was born in Scotland. He is a graduate of the University of Edinburgh and took his theological training at New College, Edinburgh. He is the recipient of seven honorary degrees. He served as Chaplain to the Forces of the British Army during World War II. After serving as parish minister in Edinburgh for 10 years, he responded to the call of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church of New York City to become their minister in 1956. He is noted for his lectures and sermons delivered in leading churches and university centers. His sermons have been included in various collected editions of sermons, including THE TWENTIETH CENTURY PULPIT. He is listed in THE WORLD'S WHO'S WHO OF AUTHORS and he has twenty-three books in print. His most recent is ONE MINISTER'S FAITH, published by Harper and Row.

Barrow to Head Admissions

The Rev. Harry H. Barrow, the Associate Pastor of the Raleigh Presbyterian Church of Memphis, Tennessee, has been called by the Board of Directors of Columbia Seminary to become the Director of Admissions and Associate Director of Seminary Relations effective January 15, 1978. Mr. Barrow is a graduate of Louisiana State University and received his Master of Divinity from Columbia Seminary in 1974.

In announcing this appointment, President J. Davison Philips stated, "Harry Barrow is one of Columbia Seminary's outstanding young graduates of recent years. He brings gifts and insights to a new effort here to identify and enroll the best possible students who will prepare to be useful ministers. He can help us in serving the Church as we relate together in this vital mission here at Columbia."

As the Director of Admissions, Harry will have the responsibility of directing the process of recruitment which will include campus visitation, interviewing prospective students and heading up conferences on ministry. In his role as Associate Director of Seminary Relations, he will provide staff support for the Columbia Friendship Circle and the "Here's Columbia" Ministry Teams. He will also be responsible for assisting the members of the Senior Class to find a place of ministry and for the organization and implementation of Seminary Sunday.

Harry was an active participant in athletics in high school and college. He continues to play tennis and jogs regularly. He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and has served on the Hunger Task Force of Memphis Presbytery.

Harry's wife, Madeline, has an M.Ed. from Memphis State and has been serving as a vocational guidance counselor. Harry and Madeline will make their home at the Keneo Apartments, 1175 Church St., Decatur.

College Conference Set For February 10-12

The Rev. Harry H. Barrow, our new Director of Admissions, will be heading up his first College Conference on Ministry the weekend of February 10-12. About eighty college juniors and seniors are expected to be on our campus for this annual conference.

The activities will include a talk by President Philips entitled, "Ingredients of a Call," opportunities to attend regular class sessions, a chapel service, conferences with professors, visits in student apartments and open houses in faculty homes.

There is no charge for the conference. Participants will be the guests of the Seminary. Conference brochures and application forms may be obtained by writing to:

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS
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FROM the PRESIDENT

We don't know a great deal about him. We are not absolutely sure when he lived and preached. But the prophet Joel gives us a graphic and vivid description of two worlds that is timeless. These two worlds are as different as black midnight and blazing noonday.

One world was a picture of devastation. Locusts swept through the fields destroying vines, fruit trees and grain with unprecedented ferocity. People starved, disease was rampant, fear and despair demolished the worship of God. It was an awful world.

But this prophet who spoke for God talked of a "new world coming." It is a world upon which God pours out His Spirit. It is a world that flourishes . . . where food and drink are plentiful. It is a world where "your sons and daughters shall prophesy." Those who came asking in despair, "Is there any word from the Lord?" heard a word of hope and encouragement from the prophet. "Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful. Praise the name of the Lord for he has dealt wondrously with you."

In many ways, we here at Columbia Seminary deal with these two worlds. The world around us has its pain, danger and despair. But, we serve in the name of a Christ who speaks of a "new world coming." The God of Joel and the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has dealt wondrously with us and is at work in these two worlds — the world of despair and the world of hope.

If we are to prepare men and women to speak for God and make ready the way for that coming new world, we need your continuing prayers and partnership. Thank you for joining hands with us in this indispensable task.

Faithfully yours,

J. Davison Philips

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The Board of Directors Provides Leadership for the Seminary

Columbia Theological Seminary in owned and controlled by the Synods of Southeast, Mid-South and Florida of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. It is governed by a Board of Directors whose members are chosen by the supporting Synods. The right of review and approval of its acts are expressly reserved by the Synods. The Seminary is most appreciative of the dedicated leadership provided by those who make up the Board of Directors.

The Annual Fall Meeting of the Board was recently held on the Seminary campus on November 15-16, 1977. Many of the actions taken by the Board are reported in this issue of VANTAGE.

MEET YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Name	*Occupation*	*Synod*	*Address*	*Year Began Serv.*	*Present Term Expires*
Alexander, Mary Ellen	Homemaker	MS	Long Beach, Miss.	1976	1979
Birdsong, Ralph H.	CPA	SE	Atlanta, Ga.	1976	1980
Brearley, Cecil D., Jr.	Presbytery Exec.	SE	Columbia, S. C.	1973	1979
Craig, J. Edward	Pastor	SE	Orangeburg, S. C.	1972	1978
Edris, Dr. Paul M.	Retired Pastor	Fla.	Daytona Beach	1974	1979
Fowler, Dr. Merle W.	Physician	MS	Paducah, Ky.	1977	1978
Gibbons, Myron	Attorney	Fla.	Tampa	1971	1979
Harbison, Richard T.	Pastor	Fla.	Pensacola	1974	1978
Harrington, W. Frank	Pastor	SE	Atlanta, Ga.	1975	1978
Johnson, James V., Jr.	Pastor	SE	Columbus, Ga.	1973	1979
Kowalski, P. Randolph	Pastor	SE	Greenville, S. C.	1976	1979
LaMotte, John H.	Pastor	Fla.	Sarasota	1975	1980
Law, John H.	Pastor	SE	Dalton, Ga.	1971	1980
Lee, Robert E.	College Prof.	Fla.	Pensacola	1972	1978
Love, J. Erskine, Jr.	Flexible Packaging	SE	Atlanta, Ga.	1969	1978
McCain, Charles R.	Pastor	MS	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	1971	1980
McCrea, Sloan	Food Dist.; S & L Exec.	Fla.	Miami	1974	1980
McNair, Champney A.	Banker	SE	Atlanta, Ga.	1974	1979
Mitchener, Frank, Jr.	Planter	MS	Sumner, Miss.	1974	1979
Neal, W. Tom	Lumber	MS	Brewton, Ala.	1972	1978
Noble, J. Phillips	Pastor	SE	Charleston, S. C.	1974	1980
Perrin, Edward P.	Attorney	SE	Spartanburg, S. C.	1976	1978
Rast, Thomas E.	Real Estate	MS	Birmingham, Ala.	1973	1979
Rogers, Eugene F.	Attorney	SE	Columbia, S. C.	1974	1980
Sadler, John H.	Pastor	MS	Huntsville, Ala.	1972	1979
Simmons, Deedie	Homemaker	Fla.	Jacksonville	1977	1979
Smith, Robert	Pastor	Fla.	Daytona Beach	1977	1978
Winter, William F.	Attorney	MS	Jackson, Miss.	1974	1980
Wood, Emily C.	Church Secretary	Fla.	Maitland	1974	1980
Woodward, Frederick Z.	Pastor	MS	Chattanooga, Tenn.	1974	1980

Those present for picture—Left to right, front row: Deedie Simmons, J. Edward Craig, President J. Davison Philips, Chairman J. Erskine Love, Jr., Emily C. Wood, Frank Mitchener, Jr.; middle row, John H. Law, William F. Winter, J. Phillips Noble, Edward P. Perrin, Paul M. Edris, John H. Sadler, Champney A. McNair; back row, Richard T. Harbison, Frederick Z. Woodward, Charles R. McCain, Cecil D. Brearley, Jr., Thomas E. Rast, Robert Smith, John H. LaMotte, Merle W. Fowler.

Supervised Ministry Program Continues to Challenge

Associate Professor Keith

"It has been exciting as well as challenging to apply what I learned in the classroom to an actual setting."

"I have thought about the challenge that awaits me when I return to Columbia. I hope that the spiritual strength and growth from this summer's work will aid me in confronting this challenge."

"I am looking forward to this next year at Columbia. I have a new perspective on seminary now that I have spent a summer at a Church."

"I continue to realize more and more that many of the things that I studied last year at Seminary are very relevant and applicable for the Church."

These and similar statements were voiced by students returning to campus from a ten-week Supervised Ministry Program during the summer of 1977. Forty-three students participated in this experiential learning in the practice of professional ministry in the Church under supervision in Presbyterian Churches located in Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee and West Virginia.

Students who work in the Church as student assistants in the Supervised Ministry Program learn the day-by-day work of a parish minister. They conduct Sunday morning worship services, Wednesday night family night groups and youth programs; teach Bible Study groups and Church School classes; assist with weddings and funerals; visit the membership in homes, hospitals and nursing homes; counsel with youth and troubled parishioners; and speak to community groups.

During January and continuing through April, interested pastors are invited to our campus to interview students and tell them of their expectations of a summer assistant. These interviews and placements are facilitated by the Office of Supervised Ministry under the direction of Associate Professor Jasper N. Keith, Jr. In May, the pastors who have secured a summer assistant are invited back on campus for a two-day seminar on supervision led by Professor Keith. During the summer, Professor Keith visits the students and pastors in their setting giving guidance where needed.

This department is already working on the summer placements for 1978. Forty students have expressed a desire to complete this requirement in the summer of '78. Student resumes are on file, letters are being written to enlist the help of new pastors, and church information forms are being received — all in anticipation of the interviewing process that will begin in January.

Inauguration of Nickle

The inauguration of Dr. Keith F. Nickle as Professor of New Testament Language, Literature and Exegesis will take place in the Seminary Chapel on Tuesday, February 14, at 7:30 P.M. The title of his inaugural address is "Some Literary Patterns in Acts."

Professor Nickle was born in Keokuck, Iowa. He did his undergraduate work at the University of Texas and received his B.D. from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He earned his D.Th. at the University of Basel and was ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church, U. S., in 1958. He is currently a member of Cherokee Presbytery.

Dr. Nickle served as the Director of Graduate Studies of the School of Divinity at St. Louis University before accepting a call to Columbia Seminary in 1975. He holds membership in the Society of Biblical Literature and in the American Academy of Religion. He has written over thirty articles and reviews for various periodicals including the "Journal for Biblical Literature." He and his wife, Marie, have four sons.

The Seminary community looks forward to sharing in the inauguration of Professor Nickle.

Esther Hung Joins Library Staff

The newest addition to the Seminary Library Staff is Mrs. Esther Hung who joined the staff on a part time basis in March 1977. On July 1st, she accepted the position of Assistant Librarian in Charge of Technical Services.

Mrs. Hung is a native of Taiwan. She graduated from Christ's College in Taiwan with a B.A. degree. She received her Master's degree in Library Science from Atlanta University. She has worked as a professional librarian in Newark, N.J., Collingswood, N.J., and at Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga. She holds membership in the Georgia Library Association and in the American Library Association.

Mrs. Hung recently completed all qualifications for U.S. citizenship. She is married to Tu-Shan Hung, a chemist. They have two children, Gloria and Daniel.

THE CONFERENCE ON THE MINISTRY

April 28-30, 1978

For post-college adults

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Owens of Tallahassee, Florida, present President Philips with a Columbia Seminary Seal fashioned in wood by Mr. Owens.

Moderator Is Guest Preacher

Dr. Philips greets Moderator

The Rev. Dr. Harvard A. Anderson, the Moderator of the 117th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., visited Columbia Seminary on November 18 and preached during the Chapel worship period.

Dr. Anderson is one of many Guest Preachers who will be leading the Seminary community in worship and then meeting with students afterward to discuss preaching in today's Church.

With the encouragement of the Worship and Convocations Committee, one Chapel Service each month has been set aside to bring able and dedicated ministers of the Word to lead in worship and preach.

In addition to Dr. Anderson, the Rev. Paul T. Eckel of the First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta and Dr. William A. Adams, Executive Presbyter of Atlanta Presbytery, were Guest Preachers during September and October.

D Min Review

Columbia Seminary has sponsored a Doctor of Ministry (in ministry) degree with the schools participating in the Atlanta Theological Association for several years. A ten-member committee, with representation from Candler School of Theology, the Interdenominational Theological Center and Columbia Seminary, has been appointed to review the entire program. Suggested changes from our D.Min graduates and the Church-at-large will be on the agenda of the committee. A report with recommended changes is expected in June, 1978.

Prize Established in Memory of the Mobleys

To the glory of God and in memory of Lyman and Myki Powell Mobley, a prize in Biblical Scholarship has been established at Columbia Theological Seminary.

News of the tragic automobile accident near Eldorado, Texas, that claimed the lives of Lyman and Myki Mobley, reached the Columbia campus on October 26. The Seminary community gathered for a memorial service in the Columbia Presbyterian Church on October 31 to express its grief, to convey its heartfelt sympathy and concern for the Mobley and Powell families and to renew its faith in the resurrection. Lyman's classmates and the Seminary faculty served as honorary pallbearers.

Lyman received his D.Min. degree from Columbia Seminary in June, 1977. Myki had just completed her M.T.S. degree at Candler School of Theology. Lyman accepted a call to become the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Eldorado, Texas, and was ordained and installed on August 28.

Many words could be written about this couple. They endeared themselves to the faculty, the students and the churches they served. Some words written by Lyman serve as a fitting summary of his dedication to ministry:

"My seminary pilgrimage has been most rewarding. I have found a new love for education growing out of a feeling of trust and love in relationships with students and professors. I am gaining more confidence and ability as I experience myself in new situations of ministry."

In seeking to honor the memory of Lyman and Myki, the classmates of Lyman have established a prize in Biblical Scholarship. The prize will be given each year to the person doing exemplary work in the field of Biblical Scholarship as it relates to the worship and work of the Church.

Those who wish to contribute to the fund for this prize should send their contributions to:

THE MOBLEY PRIZE for
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Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Georgia 30031

Two Unique Gifts

Columbia Seminary is largely dependent on the gifts of individuals who are concerned about providing a theological education for those who will serve as ministers in the Church. The Seminary recently received two gifts that illustrate this concern.

An 82 year old retired minister, a graduate of another Presbyterian Seminary, sent a gift of $25.00 with a letter that stated: "Please accept the enclosed gift with the prayer that the God of grace may use it to encourage ministers in training to become Ministers of Reconciliation according to His will."

An out-of-State obstetrician sent a generous gift to the Seminary in celebration of the birth of a child born to a student and his wife who will be attending Columbia in the fall.

Won't you consider joining these thoughtful persons in strengthening the partnership that Columbia Seminary has with the Church?

Continuing Education Events Announced

Dr. James D. Newsome, Jr., Director of Advanced Studies has announced a number of continuing education events that should have a wide appeal. Professor Shirley Guthrie, Jr., is offering a course entitled, "Doing Theology," February 7-9. Visiting Instructor, the Rev. P. C. Ennis, will teach a course entitled "Preaching on Controversial Issues," April 4-6. A course in "Church Administration will be taught by Dr. Gary M. Gray, May 1-4. Information on course design, costs, credit, etc., may be secured by writing:

Office of Advanced Studies
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Alumni ae Council and Association to Meet

The Alumni ae Counell is made up of thirty-three graduates of Columbia Seminary who serve the Church in our supporting Synods and beyond. The Counell meets annually to share insights and give direction to the work of the Alumni ae Association. The Rev. M. McCoy Franklin is eurrently serving as the President of the Counell and the Association.

The Council will meet just prior to THE COLUMBIA FORUM, eonvening at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 31. The Council will have dinner with the faeulty that evening and attend the first of the Smyth Lectures by Dr. Austin C. Lovelaee at 8:00.

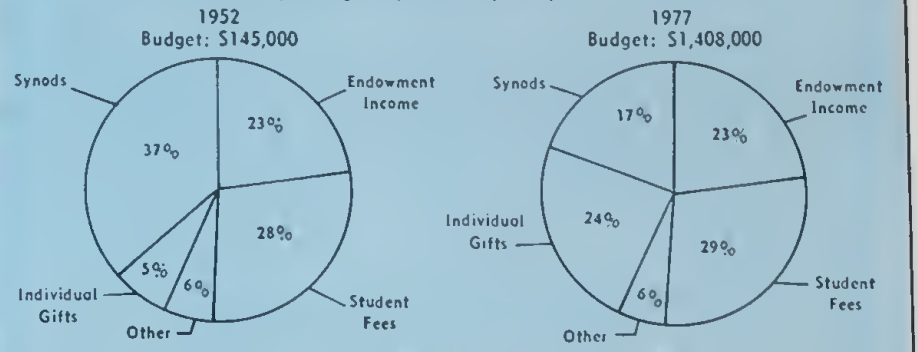
The Annual Alumni ae Buffet Luneheon will be held on Wednesday, February 1, at 1:00 P.M. A Sesquieentennial multi-media presentation entitled "Reeolleetion and Expeetation" will be the program. Spouses are encouraged to be present. The cost of the luncheon will be $2.00.

Twelve classes will celebrate their reunions during THE COLUMBIA FORUM this year (1923, 1928, 1933, 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1977). There will be a special luncheon for the Reunion Classes on Thursday, February 2, with Dr. J. McDowell Richards as the speaker.

VITAL QUESTIONS ABOUT SUPPORT

1. WHAT ARE THE PRINCIPAL SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE SEMINARY?

The following chart illustrates what has been happening in providing for a theological education at Columbia Seminary during the past twenty-five years:



2. WHAT ARE THE MAIN LESSONS TO BE LEARNED FROM THE ABOVE CHART?

a. Just twenty-five years ago, 37% of the Seminary's budget came through the Benevolence Program of the Synods supporting Columbia Today, the Synods provide less than 17%.

b. In 1952, less than 5% of the Seminary's budget came from individuol gifts. In 1977, the Seminary needs $350,000 (24%) in gifts from individuals, groups and churches that give over and above their budgeted benevolences.

c. Columbio Seminory hos been caught up in rising inflationary costs.

d. Columbio Seminary hos continually been extending its services to its constituency.

3. WHAT CAN THE AVERAGE PRESBYTERIAN IN ONE OF THE SUPPORTING SYNODS DO TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR COLUMBIA SEMINARY?

a. PRAY for the students, stoff and faculty of Columbia Seminary.

b. ENCOURAGE the most dedicoted young people who feel a sense of call to the ministry to consider Columbia Seminary.

c. PARTICIPATE in the stewardship program of the local church that provides support for Columbia Seminary through its Benevolence Progrom

d. CONSIDER making o personal gift to the Seminary.

e. REMEMBER Columbia Theological Seminary in your will.

Richard A. Dodds
Director of Seminary Relations

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